

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of July 10, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi, Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Manager Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Dolores Barrows, and Linda Barrows.

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **June 26, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

a. **Warrants**

1. **Warrant #25-06A (Revised).** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Adams, to replace the warrant that was previously approved at the last meeting. This replaces the warrant that was approved last meeting – the amount plus the previously approved amount are added together on this revised warrant (for a total amount of \$54,019.94). **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
2. **Warrant #02-07.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to approve Warrant #02-07 in the amount of \$70,481.49. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Tax Appeal Policy (Listers):** Listers Chair Phyllis Murphy provided a memorandum to the Board. Selectman Adams voiced his support of the proposed policy. Selectman LeClair agreed but would like to know what is being filed. The consensus is that the appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Motion by Chair Wallace, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to authorize the Manager to contact the attorney and file a motion for continuance and discover as part of that process what the Plaintiff is asking for and comeback to this Board by July 24th with the appropriate actions to determine what they want to do. **Motion passed 5-0-0.** Selectman Demasi would like to know what the process is and where the process broke down and why the Town was not notified of the action when it was filed – and future actions, as well. Chair Wallace would like to ensure that the Listers and the Town Clerk are advised of these in the future.
- b. **Tax Rebates.** There should be a Joint Board Meeting held in early November. Right now the Village is getting paid 100% on the dollar and is apparent that the Town General takes a hit on unsettled tax appropriation.
- c. **Northfield Municipal Plan update.** There was a letter in the packet. The Manager will bring the application to the Board before it is submitted.
- d. **Brown Public Library's 100th Birthday Celebration.** There will be events each month.
- e. **Status Reports: Various Projects.** Manager Allard had nothing to add.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Executive Summary: Lyford Driveway Permit.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the request. Motion to amend by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to amend the permit and request that the brush be cut *annually*. **Motion to amend passed 5-0-0. Motion passed 5-0-0, as amended.**
- b. **Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Stickers Program.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to postpone this item until the next meeting and the Town Clerk can be contacted to see how she feels about this. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Green Mountain Transit Authority (GMTA) Board Appointment.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to appoint Richard Greenslit to be the Town Representative for GMTA. Richard Greenslit agreed to serve on this board. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- d. **Status Reports: Various Projects:**
 1. **Northfield Safety Day, July 22, 2006.** All are invited.
 2. **Blood Drive, July 14, 2006.** There will be a blood drawing at the High School. There's always a need for blood.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items: None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Town Manager (for a few minutes) and with the Chair of the Board of Village Trustees. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Manager Allard left at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.